The clerk of the Senate delivered the following message, which was read:

By the Senate, December 31, 1839.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

The Senate having organized by the appointment of Richard Thomas, Esquire, President, and Joseph H. Nicholson, Chief Clerk, are ready to proceed with the business of the session, and propose to sit from 11 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

Jos. H. Nicholson, Clerk.

Also, a communication from the Clerk of the Court of Appeals for the Western Shore in relation to the attendance of judges;

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Tuck, referred to the committee to be hereafter appointed on that subject.

Mr. Gallagher submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the chief clerk be directed to have the printing of the House of Delegates (except bills) executed under his superintendance, until the house shall have finally acted upon the subject of the printing.

Mr. Tuck moved to lay the said order on the table.

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the said order, when Mr. Gallagher moved the previous question, and being demanded by a majority of the members present, the said previous question was then put, viz:

Shall the main question be now put?

Resolved in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put, viz:

Will the house adopt the order submitted by the gentleman from Baltimore city?

Resolved in the affirmative.
On motion of Mr. Tuck,

The yeas and nays were required and appear as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE. Messrs. Owens Spencer Graves Hammond Wilmer Seidenstricker Poultney Temples Gallagher
Welch of B. McPherson Mason Newcomer Risteau Quynn Stansbury Biser Byer Holmes Simmons Keppler Firor Waters Lloyd Martin Sutton Dade Colston Hope Berry Polk Price Humphreys Foard Sangston Parke Cameron Thawley Bramwell Heckart Giles Mr. Speaker-44: Welch of A. Le Grand